

Come help O God

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Cantus primus [Soprano]

Cantus secundus [Soprano]

Contratenor [Alto]

Tenor [Tenor]

Bassus [Bass]

Come, come, help, help, _____

Come, come, help, help, _____

Come, come, help, help, _____

Come, come, help, help, _____

Come, come, help, help, _____

O God, _____

O God, O God, O God, for

O God, for Christ's sweet blood - y, blood - y

O God, O God, for Christ's sweet blood - y, blood - y

God, O God, O God, for Christ's sweet blood - y, blood - y

O God, for Christ's sweet blood - y, blood - y

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Christ's sweet blood - y, blood - y sweat, I seek thy love

sweat, for Christ's sweet blood - y sweat,

sweat, for Christ's sweet blood - y, blood - y sweat, I seek thy love, and

sweat, for Christ's sweet blood - y, blood - y sweat, I seek thy

sweat, for Christ's sweet blood - y sweat, I seek thy love

and fear thy rod, for mer - cy, mer - cy, I en - treat,
 I seek thy love and fear thy rod,
 fear thy rod, and fear thy rod, for mer - cy,
 love, I seek thy love, and fear thy rod, and fear thy rod,
 and fear thy rod, for mer - cy, mer - cy

en-treat, for mer - cy, mer - cy I en-treat, en - treat, en - treat,
 for mer - cy, mer - cy I en - treat, en-treat, I en-treat,
 mer - cy I en-treat, mer - cy, mer-cy I en - treat, en - treat, en - treat,
 rod, for mer - cy I en - treat, I en - treat, I en - treat,
 I en - treat, for mer - cy, mer - cy I en - treat, en - treat.

my griefs, my griefs, my griefs re - me -
 my griefs, my griefs re - me - dy - less, re -
 my griefs, my griefs, my griefs re - me - dy -
 my griefs, my griefs re - me - dy - less, re -
 my griefs, my griefs re - me - dy - less, re -

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- dy - less, if mer - cy, mer - cy, mer - ci - less,

- me - dy - less, if mer - cy, mer - cy mer - ci - less,

- less, if mer - cy, mer - cy, mer - ci - less, if mer - cy, mer - cy, mer - ci -

- me - dy - less, if mer - cy, mer - cy, mer - ci -

- me - dy - less, if mer - cy, mer - cy, mer - ci -

if mer - cy, if mer - cy, mer - cy, mer - ci - less,

if mer - cy, if mer - cy, if mer - cy, mer - cy,

- less, mer - ci - less, if mer - cy, mer - cy, if

- less, mer - ci - less, if mer - cy,

- less, if mer - cy, if mer - cy mer - ci - less if

if mer - cy mer - ci - less. My - less.

mer - ci-less, mer - - - ci - less. My - less.

mer - cy, mer - ci - less, mer - ci - less. My - griefs, - less.

mer - cy, mer - - - - ci - less. My - less.

mer - cy, mer - cy, mer - - - ci - less. My - griefs, - less.

Source: Sir William Leighton, *The Teares or Lamentacions of a Sorrowfull Soule* (London, 1614).
 Text: Sir William Leighton.

III.22, II.23: *grief*
 I.36.2: c'

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